

WHAT THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES INDICATE

Some Facts and Figures Showing the Conditions Now Obtaining From Unrestricted Immigration

Mr. Editor:—

The year ending June 30, 1914, witnessed an immigration to this country greater than any that has ever occurred in the history of this nation. During that year one million two hundred and eighteen thousand four hundred and eighty people from various parts of the world landed at the ports of the United States and either settled in the sea-board cities or made their way into the interior. At no time in the history of the world has a movement of such stupendous proportions taken place. The immigrants to this country in this single year was probably much in excess of the total number of arrivals in the United States during the two centuries from 1607 to 1820.

The movement of immigrants from Europe to the United States during the last three generations has dwarfed by comparison all former movements of population. During this period more than twenty-two millions of immigrants have landed on these shores. These men, hailing from all countries of Europe and of the world, have peopled the vast country of the United States, have intermarried with one another and with the native stock and have formed the American nation as it exists today. In the cities of our sea-board, in the Middle-West, on the trans-Mississippi prairies, and throughout the broad expanse of our Northwest, in almost every State North of the Mason and Dixon line, and extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific, large sections of the population are either foreign-born or the children of immigrants. In the year of 1915 there were probably twelve million persons in the United States of foreign birth and over twenty-eight millions of foreign birth or foreign parentage. About two-fifths of all the white inhabitants of the United States are the sons or daughters of parents one or both of whom are foreign-born. These immigrants and children of immigrants represent some of the best elements in the American population, and the American citizens of foreign birth or parentage are, on the average, as patriotic, as loyal, and as valuable citizens as those of native ancestry, but, however, within the last two or three decades a change has taken place in the character of immigration, which portends evil for American workmen. In the early years of immigration, when it was difficult, if not actually dangerous, to come to the United States, and when there were no greedy corporations to import them safely for commercial purposes, there was a natural selection of the best and hardest in-

habitants of the Old World, men willing to risk their all in going to a new country, but immigration has shifted from England, Ireland, Germany and the Scandinavian countries to Southern and Eastern Europe, where a very low standard of living is maintained. A very large number of immigrants that come to our shores at the present time are sent here by the immigration agents of corporations. Those agents are sent to those Southern European countries for the purpose of inducing laborers to immigrate to this country for employment. They come, and American workmen are discharged and those ignorant and illiterate foreigners are taken on in their stead. Then when those very men who their agents have "shipped" to them, and whose transportation has been paid by them, get stubborn and go on strike and riot these corporations call long and loud for the American man to shoulder the musket and protect their property. The only time within my knowledge, a sheriff of our county was ever held up on the road was by this same class of foreigners, who had been brought into our country to take the places of our own American workmen, and when the company wanted protection they had the impudence and "gall" to run to the County Seat and have American men deputized to protect their property. Yet they insist on putting the American man out of work and giving labor to this class of "hold-up" men (foreigners).

A WORKER.

CONSIDER THE QUAIL

It is estimated that a single quail destroys 75,000 bugs and 6,000,000 weed seed annually.

A quail killed in Kansas wheat field had the remains of 2,000 Hessian flies in its craw, and the Hessian fly causes a loss of \$20,000,000 to the wheat growers of the country every year.

It is not enough to protect the song birds! It is high time to look to the future of the quail, one of the most sportsman and his dog, the snare, the trap and the net reduce him to total extinction.

The quail's decreasing numbers make it apparent that he cannot be saved from extinction, if classed only as a game-bird. He is a song-bird as well, a pre-eminent insectivorous bird such as nearly all the States protect at all seasons. Why not then give him peace and security by placing him on the song-bird list?—Our Dumb Animals.

Patriotism Begins at Home

The social and political life of a nation can never rise above the level of its spiritual life. The social uplift should begin at home. That is the place where all good citizenship originates. When a nation's citizenship has failed it is because its homes have failed, for the public life of a nation is but a reflection of its home life. Home influences are best, home ties are strongest, home joys are sweetest.

There is no affection so pure and holy as that which stirs the soul when carried back through distant years to the family hearth; and until the human heart shall cease its throbbing the sweetest sounds that fall on mortal ears will be the sounds from home—sweet, sweet home. Sweeter than lovers' sighs or the poet's whispering fancy, are the fireside voices; as, mingling with the rustle of angels' wings, they are wafted to us from the golden fairland of long ago. Oh, the old homestead! it is still locked in the emerald vault of memory, and there the honeysuckle and the rose will mingle their blushes in perennial beauty forevermore. How sweet it was to sit at eventide, amid the fast-descending shadows, when the sunset's mellow gold was flashing in fading splendor o'er the summit of the hills; when the songbird sought its nest in the woodland dark and still, while the tree-frogs whistled their vesper strain, and the crickets chirped, ere the dews began to fall. But, like the call of the quail across the meadowlands, like the echoing strain of the last whippoorwill's song, it has faded away; and slowly, softly, surely, the sounds of home are muffled in the dying drumbeat of the marching years.

It has been most beautifully said that to build a home we need only Justice to make it possible, Peace to make it whole, Kindness to make it inviting, Companionship to make it blest, Love to make it holy, and the laughter of a little child to make it divine. But we need more than that; we need the saving sacrament of Almighty God to make it endure forever; so that the ties of home may be sundered neither by the hand of man nor by the sickle of death, but may persist unto life eternal, and that those among us who have lost for a season the jewels that adorned our homes may find them again in a more resplendent setting, gleaming in the bright supernal glory of endless life and light, and where, with Bunyan's Christian, we may "dwell in the Palace Beautiful and rest in the Chamber of Peace."—From a lecture delivered at the Old Orchard Congregational Church, Webster Groves, Mo., by Thos. Speed Mosby.

Constipation and Indigestion

"I have used Chamberlain's Tablets and must say they are the best I have ever used for constipation and indigestion. My wife also used them for indigestion and they did her good," writes Eugene S. Knight, Wilmington, N. C. Obtainable everywhere. (adv.)

"Go in Peace Sin No more"

Some years ago a woman was tried at Woodward, Oklahoma, for prostitution. The evidence against her was convincing and was not denied. Something about the case aroused the indignation of Temple Houston, a great lawyer, who instantly undertook her defense. After referring to legal questions involved and discussing the evidence he bent over the jury so he could have almost laid his hands on the shoulders of each and in a low, clear voice, closed his address with these words:

"Gentlemen, you heard with what cold cruelty the prosecution referred to the sins of the woman as if her condition was her own preference. The defense has painted you a picture of her life and surroundings. Do you think that they were of her own choosing? Do you think that she willingly embraced a life so revolting and horrible? Ah, no! One of our sex was the author of her ruin; more to blame than she; then let us judge her gently. What could be more pathetic than the spectacle she presents? An immortal soul in ruins! Where the star of purity once glittered on her girlish brow, burning shame has set its seal forever! And only a moment ago they reproached her for the depths to which she had sunk, the company she kept, the life she led. Now what else is left her? Where can she go and her sin not pursue her? Gentlemen, the very promises of God are denied her. He said: 'Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give thee rest.' She has indeed labored and is heavily laden, but if at this instance she were to kneel down before us all and confess her Redeemer and beseech His mercies, where is the church that would receive her? And even if they accepted her when she passed the portals to worship and to claim her rest, scorn and mockery would greet her, and those she met would gather around them their skirts the more closely to avoid the pollution of her touch. Would you tell me a single employment where she could realize, 'Give us, this day, our daily bread?' Our sex wrecked her once pure life. Her own sex shrank from her as they would the pestilence. Society has reared its relentless wall against her and only in the friendly shelter of the grave can her betrayed and broken heart ever find the Redeemer's promised rest. They told you of her assumed names as fleeing as the shadows on the wall; of her sins and habits; but they never told you of her sorrows, and who shall tell what her heart, sinful though it may be, now feels? When the remembered voices of mother and sister, whom she must see no more on this earth, fall again like the music on her erring soul she would return but must not—in this life, for the seducer has destroyed the soul.

"You know the story of the prodigal son; but he was a son.

"He was one of us like her destroyer; but for the prodigal daughter there is no return. Were she, with her wasted form and bleeding feet, to drag herself back to her girlhood home, she the fallen and the lost, what would be her welcome? Oh, consider this when you come to decide her guilt for she is before us and we must judge her. They sneer and scoff at her. One should respect her grief, and I tell you that there reigns over her penitent and chastened spirit a desolation now that none, no one but the Searcher of all hearts, can ever know.

"None of us are utterly evil, and remember that when the saffron scourge swept over the city of Memphis in 1878, a courtesan there opened wide the door of her gilded palace of sin to admit the sufferers; and when the scythe of the reaper swung fast and pitiless she was angelic in her ministering. Death called her in the midst of her mercies and she went to join those she tried to save. She, like those the Lord forgave, was a sinner, and yet I believe that in the day of reckoning her judgment will be lighter than those who prosecute and seek to drive off the earth such poor unfortunates as she whom you are to judge.

"They wish to fine this woman and make her leave. They wish to wring from the wages of her shame the price of this mediated justice; to take from her the little money she may have; and God knows, gentlemen, it came hard enough. The old Jewish law told you that the price of a dog or the hire of such as she should not come within the house of the Lord, and I say unto you that our justice, fitly symbolized by woman's form, does not ask that you add aught to the woes of this unhappy one, who only asks at your hands the pitiful privilege of being left alone.

"The Master, while on earth, while he spake in wrath and rebuke to the kings and rulers, never reproached one of these. One He forgave, an-

other He acquitted. You remember both—and now looking upon this friendless outcast, if any of us can say unto her, 'I am holier than thou,' in the respect she is charged with sinning, who is he? The Jews who brought the woman before the Savior, have been held up to the execration of the world for 2,000 years. I always respected them. A man who will yield to the reproaches of conscience as they did, has the element of good in him, but the modern hypocrite has no such compunctions. If the prosecutors of this woman whom you are trying had brought her before the Savior they would have accepted His challenge and each one gathered a rock and stoned her in the twinkling of an eye.

"No, gentlemen, do as your Master did twice under the very circumstances that surround you. Tell her to go in peace."

The jury acquitted her as soon as they could reach their room.—Paris Appeal.

GIRL BURNED TO DEATH

Another of the terrible happenings was the burning to death of a young girl at Delta last Friday. She was making a fire to prepare breakfast for her mother and two brothers, using kerosene. Coals were in the stove, and an explosion followed, throwing the burning oil all over the girl. She ran to the bed of her sick mother, who was also burned trying to beat out the fire. The young girl lingered in agony until 1:30 in the afternoon, and death came then to her relief. She was buried at the Allenville cemetery Saturday. She was the daughter of the late William Morrison, who formerly was a merchant and postmaster at Delta, and was a fine girl.—Jackson Cash Book.

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TRAVELER'S GUIDE.

To reach Farmington you can use either one of the following routes:

From the North.

(Via St. Louis.)

M. R. & B. T. Ry.—Leave St. Louis at 7:32 a. m. and 3:55 p. m., arriving at Farmington over electric railway from Flat River at 11:41 a. m. and 7:56 p. m.

Iron Mountain—Leave St. Louis at 7:32 or 9:05 a. m., arriving at Farmington over the electric railway from DeLassus at 12:35 p. m.

From the South.

Iron Mountain via Bismarck and DeLassus—Arrive at Farmington over electric railway at 12:35 p. m.

Belmont Branch of Iron Mountain—Arrive at Farmington over electric railway from DeLassus at 2:27 p. m.

Cape Girardeau Northern—Arrive at Farmington at 8:10 p. m. from Cape Girardeau and intermediate points. Going south the train leaves Farmington at 7:00 a. m. Both trains make connection with Frisco trains at Perryville Junction.

To Reach St. Louis.

You can go over either of the roads at the following hours:

M. R. & B. T.—Leave Farmington over electric railway to Flat River at 5:55 a. m. and 12:28 p. m., arriving in St. Louis at 10:05 a. m. and 6:27 p. m. Fare from Farmington, \$1.66. Round trip, \$3.22, (if passenger can go and return same day, the round trip rate is \$3.22).

Iron Mountain—Leave Farmington over electric railway to DeLassus at 1:45 p. m., arriving in St. Louis at 6:27 p. m. Fare for one way from Farmington \$1.90; round trip, \$3.80.

ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY RY. CO.
Time Table (Condensed.)

Between Farmington and Flat River.	
Lv. Farmington.	Arr. Flat River.
5:53 a. m.	6:29 a. m.
7:28 a. m.	8:04 a. m.
8:58 a. m.	9:34 a. m.
10:17 a. m.	10:53 a. m.
2:28 p. m.	3:01 p. m.
4:54 p. m.	5:30 p. m.
6:34 p. m.	7:10 p. m.
Lv. Flat River Arr. Farmington.	
6:37 a. m.	7:13 a. m.
8:06 a. m.	8:42 a. m.
9:37 a. m.	10:13 a. m.
11:05 a. m.	11:41 a. m.
3:55 p. m.	4:31 p. m.
6:38 p. m.	6:14 p. m.
7:20 p. m.	7:56 p. m.

Between Farmington and Lead Belt.

Local Service between Farmington and Leadwood, Bonne Terre, Elvins and intermediate points: Cars leaving Farmington at 5:55 and 8:58 a. m. and 4:54 p. m. make direct connections with M. R. & B. T. Ry. at Flat River for Bonne Terre and Leadwood and intermediate points.

Cars leaving Farmington at 7:28 and 10:17 a. m. and 2:28 and 4:54 p. m. make direct connections with the M. R. & B. T. Ry., at Flat River for Elvins and intermediate points.

All M. R. & B. T. Ry. trains make direct connections at Flat River with electric cars for Farmington and intermediate points.

Between Farmington and DeLassus.

Lv. Farmington.	Arr. DeLassus.
11:41 a. m.	12:20 p. m.
1:45 p. m.	1:57 p. m.
Lv. DeLassus.	Arr. Farmington
12:35 p. m.	12:47 p. m.

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